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**STEP INTO SPRING:** A vibrant celebration of spring comes to the heart of the Welsh capital with the return of the RHS Flower Show to Bute Park from April 15-17. Attracting everyone from keen gardeners and floral enthusiasts to families in search of a fun day out, this year's show will celebrate the Wonderful World of Roald Dahl, marking 100 years since the famous author was born in Llandaff. The show will feature a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory-inspired garden complete with a bubbling chocolate lake and 12ft BFG sculpture. The Floral Marquee and Plant Village will be bursting with 58 of the UK's finest plant nurseries and specialist growers and there will also be live music and entertainment to enjoy throughout the weekend. For more information, visit [www.rhs.org.uk/cardiff](http://www.rhs.org.uk/cardiff)

## Budget boost delivers for city residents

**THE City of Cardiff Council has set its budget for 2016/17.**

Council Tax will increase by 3.7 per cent – a rise of 73p a week for a Band D property but lower than the consultation proposal of 4.5 per cent.

A better than anticipated settlement from Welsh Government along with increases in council tax income from additional properties, higher collection rates and reduced energy costs has seen the expected budget gap fall to £33.128m. The improved

position allowed the Council to reduce or remove some of the proposed savings that were included in the public consultation including cuts to grants for Artes Mundi, Cardiff Singer of the World and community arts.

In considering the improved position, the Council exercised its commitment to its four key priorities:

- better education and skills for all
- supporting vulnerable people

- creating more jobs and better paid jobs
- working together to transform services.

An additional £1.9m has been allocated to Disabled Adaptations Grants, a £500,000 fund has been established for NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training), Looked After Children and Apprenticeships; and an extra £640,000 has been split between fixing potholes and street cleaning services.

Schools growth has been

given an extra £1.6m, fully funding the impact of the removal of contracting out rules on Employer's NI for schools.

Despite the availability of extra funding in the budget, a £33m reduction for 2016/17 remains extremely challenging for the authority and the Council could still lose up to 135 posts.

A council spokesperson said: "The settlement from Welsh Government this year has enabled us to protect some of the services that matter most

to our residents. However, austerity hasn't gone away and there are more cuts to come in the future.

"Using the settlement wisely will provide the Council with more resilience in future years, assisting the delivery of our change and modernisation agenda and helping us cope if future budget settlements are more challenging than planned."

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In Cardiff will be a quarterly publication published every Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. It will no longer be delivered through your letterbox. But from June this year - In Cardiff - will be available for free at selected supermarkets and garage forecourts as well as our libraries, community hubs, leisure

centres and public buildings across the city.

We apologise for any inconvenience, but research told us that you would be happy to pick up In Cardiff if it can help the Council save money. So that's what we've done.

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## Committee Dates April/May 2016

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**Tuesday, April 12.**
**Licensing Committee.**

10am, Committee Room tbc, County Hall

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**Public Protection Committee.**

10.30am, Committee Room tbc, County Hall.

**Tuesday, April 12.**
**Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee.**

4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Wednesday, April 13.**
**Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee.**

5pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Thursday, April 14.**
**Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee.**

4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Tuesday, April 19.**
**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.**

2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Tuesday, April 19.**
**Environmental Scrutiny Committee.**

4.30pm, Committee Room tbc, County Hall.

**Wednesday, April 20.**

**Planning Committee\*.** 2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Tuesday, May 10.**
**Licensing Committee.**

10am, Committee Room 1, County Hall

**Tuesday, May 10.**
**Public Protection Committee.**

10.30am, Committee Room 1, County Hall.

**Tuesday, May 10.**
**Policy Review and Performance Scrutiny Committee.**

4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Wednesday, May 11.**
**Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee.**

5pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Thursday, May 12.**
**Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee.**

4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Tuesday, May 17.**
**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.**

4.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Tuesday, May 17.**
**Bilingual Cardiff Member Group (Provisional).**

4.30pm, Room 286c, County Hall.

**Tuesday, May 17.**
**Environmental Scrutiny Committee.**

4.30pm, Committee Room 3, County Hall

**Wednesday May 18.**
**Planning Committee\*.**

2.30pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Wednesday, May 18.**
**Standards & Ethics Committee.**

4.30. Committee Room tbc, County Hall.

**Thursday, May 19.**
**Cabinet.**

3.30pm, City Hall.

**Tuesday, May 24.**
**Corporate Parent Advisory Committee.**

2pm, Committee Room 4, County Hall.

**Thursday, May 26.**
**Annual Council\*.**

4.30pm, Council Chamber, City Hall.

These dates are correct at time of going to press, however changes can occur due to unforeseen circumstances. If you wish to attend any of these meetings, details may be confirmed with Committee & Members Services at County Hall on 029 2087 2020.

# 10 things you need to know about the Budget



**1** **HAS THE 2016/17 BUDGET BEEN FINALISED?**

Yes, the budget was approved at Council on February 25. The final budget gap was £33m which will be met by a combination of savings and council tax increase.

**6** **WHAT ABOUT SCHOOLS?**

Schools budgets have been given £4m to address increases in pupil numbers and their associated needs. In addition, they received an extra £7.2m to help pay for inflationary pressures.

**2** **WHY WAS THERE A BUDGET GAP?**

Cardiff is the fastest growing city in the UK outside London and the more people who come to live here, the more pressure is placed on our services. More people means more school places and more teachers. An ageing population also places huge demands on our social services. Basically every year our costs are going up but our funding is either going down or remaining the same.

**7** **WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON JOBS?**

Posts will be lost in almost all directorates of the Council. It's estimated that the overall impact on jobs will be a reduction in approximately 135 posts. This is a combination of 165 full time equivalent posts being deleted, offset by the creation of around 30 new posts.

**3** **HAS THE COUNCIL HAD EXTRA GRANT FUNDING THIS YEAR?**

No, the Council will receive a reduction of £301,000 (0.1 %) in general grant funding this year.

**8** **WHERE CAN I SEE ALL THE SAVINGS?**

You can view the Budget Report on our website at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/Budget](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/Budget) including a full list of savings and post consultation amendments.

**4** **WHY DID THINGS CHANGE BETWEEN CONSULTATION AND SETTING THE BUDGET?**

After the consultation ended, certain developments improved the Council's position by £14m. These include a better than expected settlement from Welsh Government, additional Council Tax income and energy price reductions.

**9** **WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?**

The Council expects a further budget gap of £73m over the three-year period from 2017/18 to 2019/20. Closing this gap will be extremely challenging, on top of the £190m savings it has made since 2006/7.

**5** **WERE ALL SERVICES CUT BY A COMPARABLE AMOUNT?**

All directorates with the exception of schools made significant savings. In the region of £29m savings were approved.

**10** **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

All areas of the Council will need to finalise the necessary steps to ensure they deliver the savings identified in the Budget and this will be monitored. Work begins immediately on the 2017/18 Budget Strategy Report.





# Cardiff Children's Literature Festival set to be 'jump-squiffingly' superb



This year's festival will include a host of Roald Dahl themed-events.

**IT'S back and it's bigger and better than ever.**

A programme of more than 50 exciting events featuring a literary line-up including multi-best-selling children's favourite Jacqueline Wilson will deliver loads of fun at this year's fourth Cardiff Children's Literature Festival.

The popular family event will return to the capital from April 16 - 24 featuring local and national, English and Welsh-speaking authors and illustrators. Events will take place at iconic venues across the city centre including City Hall, Cardiff Central Library Hub, Cardiff Castle and the Reardon Smith Theatre at National Museum Cardiff.

As this year's festival coincides with the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth, one of

the most famous children's writers of all time, celebrations will include a host of themed events such as 'Word Wizards Guide to Roald Dahl,' craft sessions, and a free, jump-squiffingly fun treasure hunt across the city centre.

More free activities include storytime sessions held in the children's department of John Lewis, where throughout the festival weekends children can enjoy listening to stories and even meet some very special guests including Maisy Mouse, Kipper and Walker Bear.

The festival's biggest line-up yet also includes Bardd Plant Cymru (Welsh Children's Poet Laureate) Anni Llŷn, CBBC's Sam and Mark and CBeebies' Jess French and Cerrie Burnell, Kristina Stephenson and Kes Gray. Once again the festival

hosts a week of free sessions for school children, which includes Tony Bradman on Shakespeare, Simon James and the Welsh Poets from Stomp Fach.

There are also events for adults, which include Writing for Children with Barry Cunningham, the man who discovered JK Rowling, and author Jon Mayhew. Literary discussions with Catherine Butler and the chance to hear from the publisher and contributors to the forthcoming University of Wales Press publication Roald Dahl: Wales of the Unexpected will also be held.

Tickets for the festival are currently on sale via Ticketline UK 02920 230 130 or [www.ticketlineuk.com](http://www.ticketlineuk.com) and [www.cardiff-events.com](http://www.cardiff-events.com)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 7 truck-loads of rubbish cleared in 2 hours

**VOLUNTEERS** from Cardiff Rivers Group braved the bad weather recently to tackle the litter and waste in the streams that feed Roath Park.

The streams and steep banks, which run either side of Trenchard Drive in Llanishen, had become strewn with rubbish, so the 18-strong group set about cleaning up, assisted by local police officers.

Over seven truck-loads of assorted rubbish, the group's largest haul to date, was collected, making a real difference to the local surroundings.

Events co-ordinator, Dave King, said: "Bearing in mind the awful weather, it is testament to the dedication and commitment of our volunteers to make the effort to come out and tackle the problem of litter and flytipping on what is a fantastic wildlife and leisure area.

"To collect this much waste in just two hours shows the

impact volunteers can have, plus we have a great time! If you want to make a difference to your environment, meet some great people, keep fit and have a laugh I'd encourage you to join in, give it a go - you may surprise yourself."

Cardiff Rivers Group was formed in 2009 by five Cardiff residents and now has over 350 volunteers on their books - ranging in age from seven to 70+. They hold events every three weeks, generally attracting between 20 and 30 volunteers. In June 2015, they were honoured by receiving The Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

Their next clean up in Cardiff will take place at Radyr Weir on Saturday, April 2 at 9.45am.

If you would like to get involved with their work, contact [nigel@cardiffriversgroup.co.uk](mailto:nigel@cardiffriversgroup.co.uk) or for more information visit [www.cardiffriversgroup.co.uk](http://www.cardiffriversgroup.co.uk)

### Calling all golfing enthusiasts

**A Lord Mayor's Charity Golf Day will take place at Cardiff Golf Club on Wednesday, April 27.**

The fundraising event is being held in support of the Lord Mayor, Councillor David Walker's nominated charity, Velindre Cancer Centre.

The format will be a 4 ball Texas Scramble and there will be 'nearest the pin' and 'longest drive' prizes. The fee for a team of four players will be £240. Tee off times will be allocated nearer the date. A formal dinner and presentation will follow at the clubhouse.

Please contact Elaine Cripps in the Protocol Office for an application form, Tel: 029 2087 1543 or email: [Protocoloffice@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Protocoloffice@cardiff.gov.uk)

## Iolo launches children's library membership drive



**TWO city primary schools welcomed a special guest recently to mark Cardiff joining the Every Child A Library Member scheme.**

One of Wales' most renowned naturalists and wildlife presenters, Iolo Williams, popped into Ton Yr Ywen Primary, Heath and Stacey Primary, Adamsdown to launch the scheme which seeks to provide every primary school child in Wales with a library card.

Children at the schools had the chance to chat

with Iolo, before visiting Cardiff's travelling library service. There they received their library membership cards giving them access to thousands of free books, use of computers and lots of other resources.

Iolo said: "Libraries are such an important resource - they are a great place for children to let their imagination grow and to develop it. It is vitally important that we encourage our children to read more, not only

to improve their literacy levels, but also to help them with life skills and future opportunities."

The Every Child a Library Member project started in March 2014 with six local authorities piloting the initiative and it has now been rolled out to the final six local authorities in Wales, including Cardiff. Over 625 schools have signed up and this year, over 33,500 pupils in year 4 will be targeted to join the scheme.

Libraries are delivering the project to help support educational benefits, aiming to contribute towards improving literacy levels and addressing child poverty issues through inspiring a love of reading in children.

For more information on the scheme, visit [www.welshlibraries.org/schools](http://www.welshlibraries.org/schools)

To find out more about the libraries in Cardiff, visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraries) or follow @cdflibraries on



# Ice and easy does it - arena sells out

## £1.2bn City Deal agreed

Creating more jobs and better-paid jobs



With a sell-out crowd of over 3,000 spectators watching on, the Cardiff Devils christened their new home with a 5-2 win over the Belfast Giants on Saturday, March 12. The new facility has two ice pads and will be used for a variety of sports including figure skating, public skating, ice hockey and curling. The magnificent new development also hosts a dance studio and gymnasium. For more information, please visit <http://www.icearenawales.co.uk/>

A £1.229 billion City Deal for the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) has been formally agreed.

The Deal is expected to deliver up to 25,000 new jobs and leverage an additional £4 billion of private sector investment across the region boosting economic growth.

The ten leaders of the local authorities in the CCR, the Secretary of State for Wales the Right Honourable Stephen Crabb, and First Minister Carwyn Jones signed a Heads of terms City Deal document in a ceremony at Admiral's Head Office in Cardiff earlier this month.

The City Deal provides an opportunity to continue tackling the area's barriers to economic growth by improving transport connectivity, increasing

skill levels, supporting people into work and giving businesses the support they need to innovate and grow.

It will also develop stronger and more effective leadership across the CCR, enabling the ten local authority leaders to join up decision making, pool resources, and work more effectively with local businesses.

Decisions on the prioritisation of proposed schemes will be taken by a CCR Cabinet who will also work with the Welsh Government to explore the devolution of business rate income above an agreed growth baseline to provide funding for the City Deal programme and creating the option for the local authorities to use alternative finance

## Taxi drivers suspended

Six taxi drivers have had their licences suspended following investigations into hackney carriage drivers refusing to take short fares.

Since September 2015, the council's licensing section has seen an increase in the number of complaints with many still being investigated and further 'mystery shopper' exercises continuing.

Council officers, South Wales Police and some door staff will also be handing out information cards to the public advising them that taxi drivers cannot refuse a fare that starts and ends in Cardiff without reasonable excuse and the meter must be used. Details of how to make a complaint are published on the back of the card.

Dave Holland, Head of the Shared Regulatory Service, said: "If members of the public are refused a fare, we ask that you can take note or take a photo of either the driver's badge number (worn by driver or displayed on the windscreen), the



vehicle registration number, or the licence plate number (displayed on rear of vehicle) and report it to [licensing@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cardiff.gov.uk)

"Alternatively the public can call 029 2087 1651."

Hackney carriage drivers can refuse a fare if the passenger is drunk or abusive or if the fare is ending outside the Cardiff boundary. All fares that start and end in Cardiff must be on the meter.

The meter does not have to be used for fares that end outside the Cardiff boundary and a price for those can be negotiated with the driver.

Private hire vehicles cannot be hailed or picked up from the street; there must be a prior booking made through a private hire operator. If you flag down a Private hire vehicle from the street and they accept the fare – you are not insured.

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# The Sing & Smile Charity



Grenville Jones is the founder of the Goldies Charity. He is a professional musician living in Bath, conducting a number of West Country choirs. Grenville recognised the social value of 'belonging' to a singing group and launched his Goldies Charity in 2007.

He is quick to point out that Goldies is NOT a choir but more about fun daytime singing for older people. The Charity is taking off across England and Wales.

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**Goldies Sessions in Cardiff:** Every **FIRST WEDNESDAY** at 10.30 at Adamsdown Day Centre, Star Street, **Adamsdown**. Every **LAST FRIDAY** at 11.00 at The Powerhouse, Roundwood, **Llanederyn**. Every **FIRST MONDAY** at 2.00 at The Ararat Baptist Church, Plas Treoda, **Whitchurch**. Every **SECOND TUESDAY** at 1.00 at The Beacon Centre, Harrison Drive, **St Mellons**. Every **FIRST MONDAY** at 1.45 at St Marks Church, 206 North Road, **Gabalfa**.

**Goldies Sessions in The Vale:** Every **SECOND TUESDAY** at 10.30 at Salem Baptist Church, Beryl Road, **Barry**. Every **SECOND WEDNESDAY** at 11.30 at the Glyndwr Community Centre, **Penarth**. Every **FIRST TUESDAY** of every other month at 10.30 at The Reading Room, **Bonvilston**. Every **THIRD MONDAY** at 10.40 Old School Community Centre, Wine St, **Llantwit Major**. Every **FOURTH MONDAY** at 2.00 at Lee Hall, Britway Road, **Dinas Powys**.

**Goldies Sessions in Libraries:** Every **FIRST TUESDAY** at 12.30 at **Cardiff Central Library**, The Hayes, Cardiff. Every **THURSDAY WEEKLY** at 10.30 at **Rhydpennau Library**, Llandennis Road, Cardiff. Every **THIRD TUESDAY** at 2.00 at **Ely & Caerau Community Hub**, Cowbridge Road West. Every **SECOND MONDAY** at 10.30 at **Rumney Hub**, Llanstephan Road, Rumney. Every **THIRD WEDNESDAY** at 10.30 at **Rhiwbina Library**, Pen-y-Dre, Rhiwbina.

**And for other sessions across Wales please see our website**

**[www.goldiescymru.org.uk](http://www.goldiescymru.org.uk)**

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# Rent Smart Wales reaches a major training milestone

**THE 1,000th person has been trained as part of a new scheme that aims to raise standards in private rented homes across Wales.**

Rent Smart Wales is the brand name for the newly launched Welsh Government registration and licensing scheme. The scheme will prevent rogue landlords and agents from letting and managing properties in Wales and improve standards throughout the sector by ensuring that landlord and agents attend training in order to get a licence. The City of Cardiff Council is designated the single licensing authority for the whole of Wales.

All private landlords are required to register themselves and their properties with Rent Smart Wales. Landlords and Agents who let and manage property must get a licence. To

achieve this applicants will make a declaration that they are 'fit and proper' to hold a licence, and they and their employees must undertake, and pass, approved training. Landlords who prefer not to let and manage their own property can appoint a licensed agent to manage the property on their behalf.

Landlords and agents have one year to comply with their new legal obligations, without fear of legal action.

Representing a significant milestone, the 1,000th person to complete Rent Smart Wales training was recently passed.

Abergavenny-based landlord, David Spencer, who attended a landlord training course in Bridgend, said: "I have been a landlord since 1984. We now have three properties in Abergavenny and although we have things tied up pretty well and we use

an agent to find our tenants, a course like this gives us a greater understanding of things.

"The course is very good and the detail that the trainer has gone into is fantastic. Before the course I had no understanding of extra requirements for houses in multiple occupation, so that's been of interest to me. The main thing that I've got from the course is the reassurance that we are currently doing things right.

"The information from Rent Smart Wales has been very good and the training fills in the gaps. The website answered all the questions I had.

"Having a standard for the whole of the country is going to be good - a level playing field will be great."

For further information, visit the Rent Smart Wales website [www.rentsmartwales.co.uk](http://www.rentsmartwales.co.uk) or call 03000 133344.



Landlord David Spencer at a Rent Smart Wales training course.

## Do you rent out a property in Wales?

A new law now requires all landlords to register and agents and self-managing landlords to obtain a licence.

### Get trained, get licenced

Training is a key part of the licensing process for landlords and agents. Here are details of forthcoming courses in the local area.

#### Courses for Landlords (£100)

Venue: Village Hotel, Cardiff

Tuesday, April 12

Monday, May 23

Friday, June 10 (Welsh medium course)

Tuesday, June 14

#### Courses for Agents (£140)

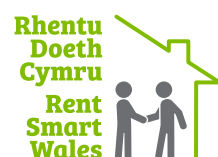
Venue: Village Hotel, Cardiff

Wednesday, April 6

Friday, May 20

Wednesday, June 29

To find out more and to apply or book your place, visit [rentsmart.gov.wales](http://rentsmart.gov.wales) or call 03000 133344



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# Welsh Culture Centre welcomes first visitors



**YR Hen Lyfrgell, Cardiff's first Welsh Culture Centre, opened its doors last month in one of the capital's most iconic buildings, The Old Library on The Hayes.**

Local schoolchildren and representatives of organisations and businesses supporting the Welsh language across the city attended the launch of the new attraction which will be a boost for visitors to Wales as well as the citizens of Cardiff.

Yr Hen Lyfrgell aims to promote and facilitate the use of Welsh in a lively and welcoming atmosphere for all ages and backgrounds in the heart of the capital. Co-ordinated by the City of Cardiff Council and led by Menter Caerdydd and other

partners, the project has received investment funding from the Welsh Government as part of its Welsh language strategy 'Bwrw Mlaen - Moving Forward'.

Siân Lewis, Chief Executive of Menter Caerdydd, said: "The Welsh language has always existed in Cardiff. Now the language has a worthy home in the heart of our capital city. Our

hope is to extend the Welsh language beyond the walls of Yr Hen Lyfrgell, drawing people inside but also taking the language out so it can be heard more and more on the streets of the city."

The new centre has been transformed into a contemporary and exciting space offering a variety of services and activities. Open seven days a week,

day and evening, the centre is home to a Café Bar and Restaurant, a Bodlon shop selling products from across Wales, gifts and cards, a drop-in Mudiad Meithrin crèche, Welsh lessons for learners and refresher courses, a performance stage, conference facilities, function rooms for hire and the established Cardiff Story Museum.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Cardiff pilots research project into elder abuse and justice

**THE City of Cardiff Council's social services team has been chosen to work with Aberystwyth University on a research project on elder abuse and justice.**

Choice is a £1.3m, three-and-a-half-year-long project being carried out by a team of researchers at the Department of Law and Criminology at Aberystwyth University, seeking to explore ways of responding to elder abuse when it takes place in the

family home.

Justice options for older people are currently limited to criminal and civil remedies so the main aims of the project are to raise awareness about the abuse of older people, particularly when it occurs in their own home, design a 'new justice approach' based on restorative principles for older victim-survivors that will be designed partly by older people for older people and is tailored to local service provision.

Cardiff is one of two pilot areas in Wales where a justice worker will explore three justice options - civil, criminal and restorative - for victims of elder abuse who have been referred into the intervention by the Council's social services department.

Choice is currently seeking members of the public to volunteer on the project. For further information, visit [choice.aber.ac.uk](http://choice.aber.ac.uk) and / or follow @choiceolderppl on Twitter.

### Giving people a stronger voice

**THE Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act comes into effect on April 6, a new law that will give people more of a say in the care and support they receive.**

It places a greater emphasis on promoting people's independence to give them a stronger voice and control.

With more people needing care and support in Wales, the country needs a more effective way to deliver social services. This will involve local authorities including Cardiff, health boards and the third sector organisations working in partnership to provide information, support and services to those in need.

An important part of the Act is to provide improved access through an Information, Advice and Assistance Service to enable people to access the right help at the right time to meet their individual situation.

The Act requires the Council to help people access wellbeing support through preventative services and early intervention so they can make informed choices about their wellbeing, maximise their independence,

connect them to their communities and reduce their reliance on social care and health by using telecare/telehealth and re-ablement.

The Act will also help to avoid duplicate assessments so the right support is received first time.

To find out more about the Act, visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/socialservicesact](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/socialservicesact)

Supporting vulnerable people

### If you breach the law – expect to be fined

**OVER 600 more fines were issued for bus lane violations in February, compared with January's figures as part of the Council's Moving Traffic Offences Scheme.**

A total of 6,832 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) were issued in February compared with 6,192 PCNs in January.

There has been a significant increase in the number of PCNs issued for drivers blocking traffic by stopping in yellow box junctions, up from 167 in January to 689 in February. This is due to the Council enforcing two yellow box junctions in the city centre, on Mary Anne

Street and David Street.

The contraventions recorded from the camera car, which mainly focuses on illegal parking around schools, has decreased dropping from 444 offences in January to 405 in February.

Matt Wakelam, Operational Manager for Infrastructure, said: "The Moving Traffic Offences scheme will continue to expand, as we continue to look to improve traffic flow in and around the city centre and encourage people to use alternative forms of transport to reduce the number of people using private cars.

"From April 2016, the Council is changing the way surpluses from the MTO Scheme are financially recorded. The costs of the scheme are deducted from the money received and this will continue to support highway, transport and environmental improvements in line with the Transport Regulations Act 1984. For the next financial year, the surpluses received from the MTO Scheme will be spent on the capital costs of Cardiff West Interchange on Waungron Road, which when operational, will transform cross-city bus travel."

**A new community resource called Dewis Cymru has been developed to provide a directory of local services and resources. The directory will give people easy access to information on services provided by local authorities, health boards, third sector and the independent sector.**

Dewis Cymru will be a focal point of information giving you quick and easy access to community activities and groups in the area. So whether you are looking for a play group, an adult fitness class or details on local events, Dewis Cymru will have a wide range of community activities to choose from.

The Dewis Cymru directory includes information on nurseries, play groups, local events in libraries and hubs, activities in leisure centres, information on Telecare, adult education classes, tea dances, luncheon clubs and lots more.

Rollled out across Cardiff and the Vale from April, the directory will help communities, families and individuals to improve their well-being. Information will be easily accessible to help people find the local services and resources they need.

For more information on services and resources near to you, visit [www.dewis.wales](http://www.dewis.wales) or [www.dewis.cymru](http://www.dewis.cymru)



# Capital Education...



**'Healthy Schools' success for Cardiff school:** Children from Ysgol Gymraeg Pwll Coch in Canton celebrate success after scooping a National Quality Award, the highest award a school can get through the Welsh Network of Healthy School Schemes.

## Demolition underway to clear site for new Eastern High

Better education and skills for all

**WORK** has started on demolishing the old college buildings in Trowbridge, ready to make way for the brand new Eastern High school and facilities for Cardiff and Vale College.

The City of Cardiff Council's chosen demolition contractor, Cardiff Demolition will continue the work over the next few months and the site will then be handed over to Willmott Dixon for construction of the new state-of-the-art facilities to begin.

Through the 21st Century Schools programme, the Council and Welsh Government will deliver an innovative £25m shared learning campus that will create close links between

Eastern High and Cardiff and Vale College.

The new Eastern High school will accommodate 1,200 pupils and courses and vocational training for 320 students over the age of 16 will be provided by Cardiff and Vale College.

Welcoming the latest progress, Director of Education and Lifelong Learning at Cardiff Council, Nick Batchelar said: "The joint learning campus we are delivering in partnership with Cardiff and Vale College will create a state-of-the-art environment which will offer a smooth transition from school to college and encourage more students to remain in education and training after their GCSEs."

The scheme will offer features available for the community to use - such as outdoor sports facilities which include an all-weather '3G' pitch.

Principal and Chief Executive of Cardiff and Vale College, Mike James, added: "This new school and learning campus will be an inspirational facility, not just for young people but also for the local community and we are delighted to be working in partnership with the city council to deliver this exciting project."

The new school will replace the existing facilities for Eastern High, currently located on the site formerly known as Rumney High School.

## Multimillion pound investment for extra school places

**CABINET** has approved a multimillion pound investment to provide extra school places across Cardiff.

This is the latest step in the process to create new school facilities serving areas in and around Butetown, Caerau, Canton, Ely, Grangetown, Llandaff North and Riverside.

The schemes represent investment of over £50m in a combination of schemes, ranging from newly-built schools to expanding existing sites, primary education to secondary education, Welsh-medium learning to English-medium learning.

Extensive public consultation has been undertaken by the council and the results were used to shape recommendations in reports to Cabinet in December.

### Butetown, Canton, Grangetown and Riverside

- Increase the capacity of Ninian Park Primary School from 2 form of entry (FE) to 3FE with additional part-time nursery places serving the age range 3-11 on its existing site from September 2017
- Establish a new 2 FE Welsh-medium primary school with nursery on the Hamadryad site located adjacent to the Hamadryad playing fields off Hamadryad Road, Cardiff. The School is to open initially at 1FE only in temporary accommodation adjacent to the Ninian Park Primary School site in the accommodation formerly occupied by Ysgol Tan yr Eos from September 2016 and transfer to its permanent site adjacent to Hamadryad Park from September 2017

### Caerau and Ely

- Close Glyn Derw High School and Michaelston Community College (the Glyn Derw and Michaelston Federation) from 31 August 2017
- Establish a new replacement 11-18yrs community high school to serve the Caerau and Ely areas from 1 September 2017
- To transfer the newly established high school to new build premises on the current Glyn Derw High School site from September 2018

### Llandaff North

- Consolidate Gabalfa Primary School at 1FE with 48 part-time nursery places from September 2017
- Permanently establish Ysgol Glan Ceubal on its existing site at Colwill Road, Gabalfa at 1FE from September 2016
- Extend the age range of Ysgol Glan Ceubal from 4-11 to 3-11 from September 2016



## Cardiff school heated by groundwater

**A nursery school in Cardiff is currently being heated from warm groundwater pumped from under the building.**

Grangetown Nursery School on Avondale Road uses a pump and heat exchanger to remove heat from the reservoir of water in the sand and gravel under the city. This is achievable as the groundwater under Cardiff is often at only three to four metres below the surface and is warm at around 14°C due to the heat lost from buildings, sewers and other underground infrastructure.

The system was installed as the result of a local partnership between the City of Cardiff Council, the British Geological Survey, Cardiff Harbour Authority and WDS Green Energy Ltd. Last year the project received funding from Energy Catalyst Innovate UK.

Headteacher of Grangetown Nursery School, Jan Comrie said: "We certainly haven't lost heat as a result of adopting the heat pump system. In fact it's quite the opposite as the school is so cosy. We were

delighted to take part in this project as it builds on the work we've already done as a school. We're the only nursery school in Wales to have received a Platinum Award from Eco-Schools Wales.

"Our attitude is that if organisations don't try new eco-technologies we'll never know if they work or not. Therefore we signed up for the scheme because as a school it's important to us that we contribute to the development of these technologies."

The City of Cardiff Council is taking the lead in renewable energy technologies to reduce carbon emissions, improve energy security for the city and reduce energy costs. The project is looking to test whether the reservoir of water in the sand and gravel under the city could be used as a renewable and low carbon resource for a district, or even city-wide heat network in the future and will therefore be closely monitoring the carbon saving that the project can deliver.



# Capital Sport...



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## Velothon Wales - rolls back to the capital

IT'S now less than two months to go until the country's biggest cycling sportive returns to Cardiff and the wider region.

Up to 18,000 cyclists are expected to take part in Velothon Wales 2016, the closed-road event on Sunday, May 22 which takes in some of the most beautiful and challenging roads around South Wales.

Velothon Wales is one of the latest events in the UCI Velothon Majors, a global series of cycling

events which take place in iconic cities including Berlin, Stockholm and Stuttgart.

The event attracted over 12,000 participants in 2015, making it the second biggest sportive in the UK and in the world's top 10 biggest cycling events.

Cyclists, spectators, residents and businesses can visit [www.velothon-wales.co.uk](http://www.velothon-wales.co.uk) to view the full 140km route via an interactive map. The 50km route has been withdrawn from this year's event to minimise disruption.

Starting in Cardiff city centre, the route takes riders out of the capital

via the docks and along the coast road through the Gwent Levels, into Newport, towards Caerleon, Abergavenny and the Tumble climb.

After tackling The Tumble, riders will then begin their journey back towards Cardiff, finishing in front of thousands of spectators in the city centre.

Residents and businesses who will be affected by the road closures associated with the event will have received letters with information about the event.

Matt Newman, chief executive of Velothon Wales organisers Run 4 Wales, said: "We are sure riders will love the stunning scenery,

challenging climbs and showpiece city centre start and finish, as they complete the 140km course on closed-roads.

"The local event delivery team are currently in the process of sending out more than 100,000 letters to residents and businesses along the route, giving them detailed information about the event.

"We are committed to improving the level of communication with those affected by road closures and welcome feedback from residents and businesses."

There are a limited number of spaces still remaining for Velothon Wales 2016 via [www.velothon-wales.co.uk](http://www.velothon-wales.co.uk)

### FIXTURES

#### CARDIFF CITY STADIUM

**Sky Bet Championship**

Saturday, April 2, 3pm  
**Cardiff City v Derby County**

Saturday, April 16, 3pm  
**Cardiff City v QPR**

Saturday, April 23, 3pm  
**Cardiff City v Bolton**

Saturday, May 7, 12.30pm  
**Cardiff City v Birmingham**

#### CARDIFF ARMS PARK

**Guinness PRO12**

Sunday, April 17, 2.30pm  
**Cardiff Blues v Newport Gwent Dragons**

**Principality Premiership**

Saturday, April 2, 2.30pm  
**Cardiff RFC v Bridgend Ravens**

Saturday, April 23, 2.30pm  
**Cardiff RFC v Llandovery**

#### PRINCIPALITY STADIUM

Saturday, April 30, 2.30pm  
**Cardiff Blues v Ospreys**

Saturday, April 30, 5pm  
**Newport Gwent Dragons v Scarlets**

#### THE SSE SWALEC STADIUM

**University match**

April 11/12/13/14, 11am  
**Glamorgan v Cardiff MCCU**

**County Championship, Division 2**

April 17/18/19/20, 11am  
**Glamorgan v Leicestershire**

May 8/9/10/11, 11am  
**Glamorgan v Worcestershire**

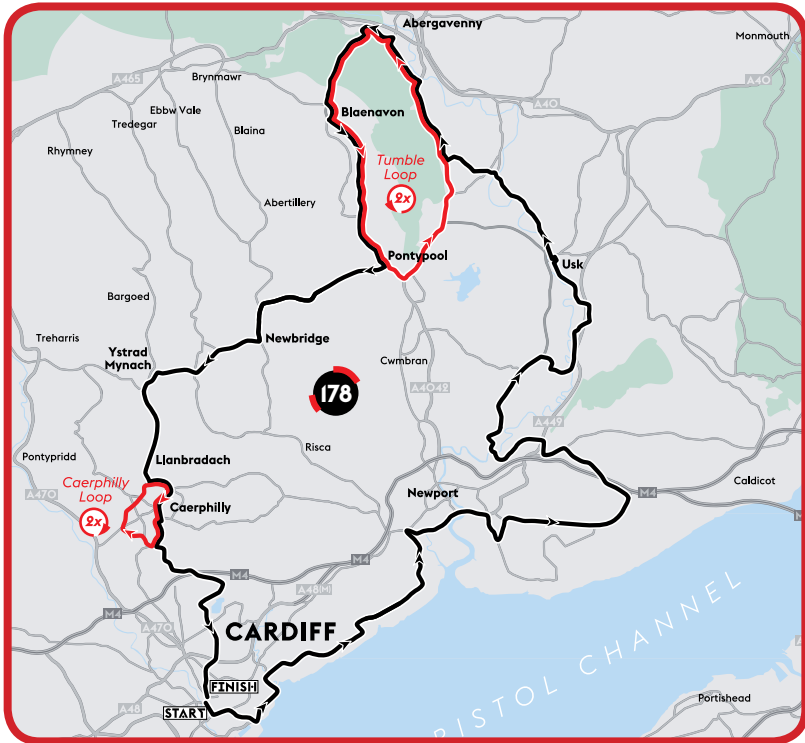
May 22/23/24/25, 11am  
**Glamorgan v Essex**

**NatWest T20 Blast**

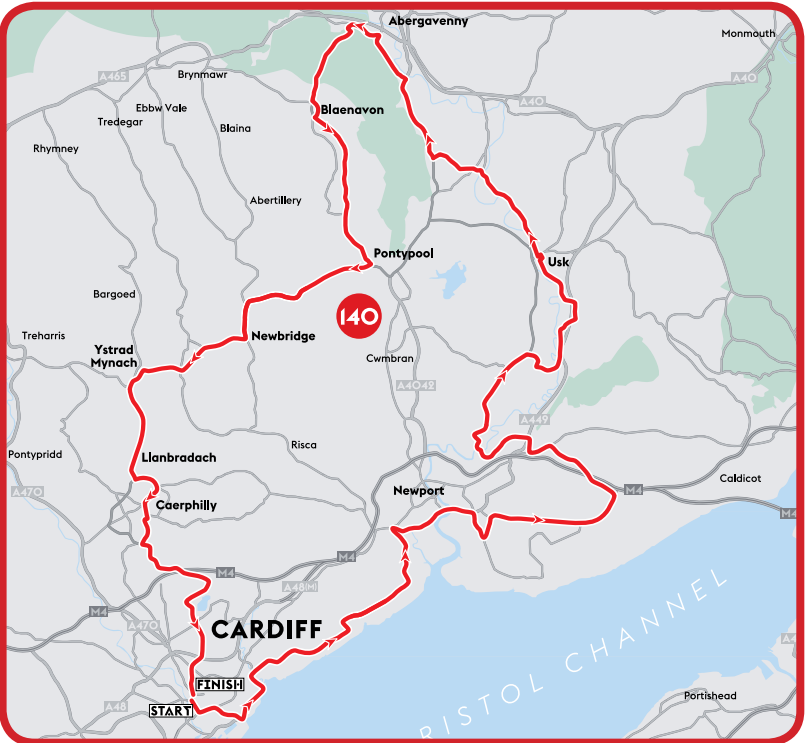
June 1, 6.30pm  
**Glamorgan v Essex**

For other sporting fixtures taking place across the city this month please visit [www.sport-cardiff.com](http://www.sport-cardiff.com) Please note fixtures can be subject to change.

### Pro Race Route



### Amateurs Race Route





# Pupils' winning Bug Hunt app ready to download

THE Cardiff Bug Hunt, designed by pupils from Oakfield Primary and Allensbank Primary schools is now available to download.

Last year, pupils from the schools won the Cardiff Design an App competition, which was part of the Super Connected Cities programme, and worked with local app designers, TradeBox Media, to learning more about building apps. They collectively developed an idea for a Cardiff Bug Hunt app for visitors to parks in Cardiff to research and find out more about the mini beasts they find there.

The competition was part

of the wider Super Connected Cardiff programme which has delivered free Wi-Fi in 150 public buildings, free street Wi-Fi with 4G developments, free Wi-Fi on all Cardiff buses, a Connection Voucher Scheme enabling organisations to apply for up to £3,000 to install broadband and new grants for SMEs to connect to the Cardiff Internet Exchange (IX).

The programme saw Cardiff benefit from over £8 million of funding from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport to deliver a world class broadband and wireless infrastructure and was completed in April 2015.

Allensbank pupils Milly Wikeley, Charlotte White, Johnny Carpenter and the school's nursery class were successful in the competition as well as Oakfield Primary's Layth Yacob.

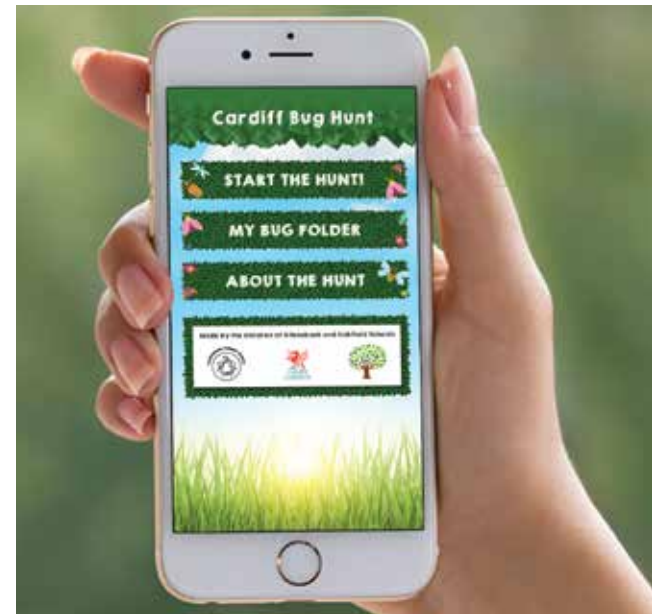
They were awarded a £1,000 prize for their school while £5,000 was allocated for the development of the app.

Alex Jeffers of TradeBox Media said: "Working with the children was a refreshing and thoroughly rewarding experience. Having the insightful input from some bright young minds gave us some fantastic ideas we may never have thought to

progress."

David Harris, Oakfield headteacher, said: "All of the children thoroughly enjoyed working as app developers and there was a huge sense of achievement when they saw their ideas being gathered together throughout a highly productive day."

Amy Simmons, teacher at Allensbank Primary, said: "The children really enjoyed their experience of developing an app and can't wait to see the finished product. The children were inspired to learn more about app development and programming and share their experience with others in the school."



## Have a say on what affects you



THERE are still a few weeks left to register to vote ahead of May's elections.

Voters go to the polls on Thursday, May 5 in the National Assembly for Wales (NAW) and Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) elections. Anyone not yet registered to vote needs to do so by April 18 in order to have their say in these elections.

When you vote on polling day there will be three ballot papers. For the NAW election, there will be one ballot paper for your constituency Assembly Member and one ballot paper for a party or independent candidate to represent your region (South Wales Central).

For the PCC election, there will be one ballot paper for your choice of PCC candidate for the South Wales Police Area.

By voting, you can have a say on issues that directly affect your day-to-day life in Wales.

For those not registered, you can apply online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). All you need is your date of birth and national insurance number.

Alternatively you can register using the paper form downloaded from the website above or you can request a copy from Electoral Services on 029 2087 2087.

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, April 18.

## Hubs offer Universal Credit help

COMMUNITY hubs throughout the city are offering help to people eligible to claim Universal Credit.

Introduced in Cardiff at the end of last year, Universal Credit is a new single monthly payment for people who are looking for work or on a low income. It replaces Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Child Tax Credits, Working Tax Credits and Housing Benefit.

At first only new claims from single people who are looking for work will be paid under Universal Credit. Families

and people already receiving benefits including Housing Benefit will be transferred to Universal Credit later. Eventually everyone who claims the benefits listed above will claim Universal Credit, although people of pension age will not be affected.

Universal Credit works very differently to existing benefits. It is claimed and updated online so claimants must have access to the internet, an email address and be able to use them.

Claimants must have a bank, building society, Post Office or Credit Union account for the money to be paid into directly each month. This includes

an amount for rent that the claimant has to pay the landlord themselves.

Universal Credit can only be paid to people actively preparing for work, and claimants must demonstrate that they are doing this, for example, by job searching online and attending training courses.

Our Money Advice Team, based at Cardiff Central Library Hub, can help people prepare for Universal Credit with budgeting advice and help opening a bank account while our Into Work Advice Team can help people to get online and provide back to work help and support.

Both services are also available at our community hubs and other locations throughout the city.

To find out when these services are near you, email [advicehub@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:advicehub@cardiff.gov.uk) for the Money Advice Team and [intoworkadvice@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:intoworkadvice@cardiff.gov.uk) for the Into Work Advice Team; call 029 2087 1000 or visit your local Hub.

You can also go on line at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/thehub](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/thehub) to find out where and when the services are near you.

For more information regarding Universal Credit, visit [www.gov.uk/universal-credit](http://www.gov.uk/universal-credit) or phone the national helpline 0345 600 0723.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### HOWARDIAN TRUST

The Howardian Trust is a registered charity, which has been set up to give financial support for broad educational purposes not normally provided out of statutory funds.

Funds are available for the benefit of those who fall into one of the

following categories:

- Children and young people between the ages of 3 years to 25 years who attended Howardian High School, Cardiff prior to the 31st August 1990
- Children and young people between the ages of 3 years to 25 years who either attended Marlborough Infants or Junior Schools, Roath Park Primary School or Albany Road Primary

School, Cardiff after 31st August 1988.

- Primary, Infants and Junior Schools mentioned above and any other groups operating in the former catchment area of Howardian High School.

Awards are made at the discretion of the Trustees. Support has previously been given to students attending postgraduate and access courses, travel expenses

to attend a course and help for a school to purchase equipment.

To request an application form, please contact:

Carolyn Gatt  
[cgatt@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:cgatt@cardiff.gov.uk)  
Education Service  
Room 309  
County Hall  
Cardiff  
CF10 4UW

Application forms must be returned by Friday 29th July, 2016



# Capital Events...



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## New Theatre

Tel: 2087 8889  
[www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk](http://www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk)

See website for performance times and further details.

**Hetty Feather**  
Wednesday, March 30 – Sunday, April 3

**Tell Me On a Sunday**  
Tuesday, April 5 – Saturday, April 9

**An Inspector Calls**  
Tuesday, April 12 – Saturday, April 16

**American Idiot**  
Tuesday, April 19 – Saturday, April 23

**Thriller Live**  
Monday, April 25 – Saturday, April 30

**Of Mice and Men**  
Tuesday, May 3 – Saturday, May 7

**Goodnight Mister Tom**  
Tuesday, May 10 – Saturday, May 14

**The All-Star Stand-Up Tour 2016**  
Monday, May 16

**Dancing in the Streets**  
Thursday, May 19 – Saturday, May 21

**RSC: A Midsummer Night’s Dream**  
Tuesday, May 24 – Saturday, May 28

## St David’s Hall

Tel: 2087 8444  
[www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk](http://www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk)

See website for performance times and further details.

**Puccini’s Tosca**  
Wednesday, March 30, 7.30pm

**Chris Ramsey**  
Thursday, March 31, 8.00pm

**Riverdance**  
April 1 - 3

**Hello Kitty LIVE**  
Tuesday, April 5, 2pm

**Soul Legends**  
Friday, April 8, 7.30pm

**Owen Money’s Juke Box Heroes**  
Saturday, April 9, 7.30pm

**Richard Herring**  
Tuesday, April 12, 8pm

**Rick Astley**  
Wednesday, April 13, 7pm

**Michael Bolton**  
Thursday, April 14, 7.30pm

**Rhapsody in Blue**  
Friday, April 15, 7.30pm

**Cardiff Ukulele Festival**  
Saturday, April 16, 1pm

**Julian Clary**  
Saturday, April 16, 8pm

**Bellowhead**  
Sunday, April 17, 7.30pm

**The Young’uns**  
Tuesday, April 19, 8pm

**Gregory Porter**  
Wednesday, April 20, 7.30pm

**The Knights of Music**  
Thursday, April 21, 7.30pm

**The Orbison Story**  
Friday, April 22, 7.30pm

**Dane Baptiste**  
Sunday, April 24, 8pm

**Psychic Sally**  
Tuesday, April 26, 7.30pm

**Cardiff University Symphony Chorus and Orchestra**  
Thursday, April 28, 7.30pm

**The Solid Silver 60s Show**  
Friday, April 29, 7.30pm

**Arcomis Ensemble**  
Saturday, April 30, 1pm

**Welsh National Opera Orchestra**  
Sunday, May 1, 3pm

**Craig Campbell**  
Tuesday, May 3, 8pm

**Jason Donovan**  
Friday, May 6, 8pm

**Graeme of Thrones**  
Sunday, May 8, 7.30pm

**Artesian Quartet**  
Tuesday, May 10, 1pm

**The Sixteen**  
Saturday, May 14, 7.30pm

**The Best of BBC Ten Pieces**  
Sunday, May 15, 3pm

**Moscow State Symphony Orchestra**  
Tuesday, May 17, 7.30pm

**Brian Wilson**  
Wednesday, May 18, 8.15pm

**Killer Queen**  
Saturday, May 21, 7.30pm

**Bring Him Home Gala Concert**  
Sunday, May 22, 7.30pm

**Welsh Singers Competition**  
Wednesday, May 25, 7.25pm

**That’ll Be The Day**  
Thursday, May 26, 7.30pm

**The Dreamboys**  
Friday, May 27, 8pm

**Lowri Porter & Lada Valešolová**  
Tuesday, May 31, 1pm

**Martin & Eliza Carthy**  
Tuesday, May 31, 8pm

## Cardiff Castle

Tel: 2087 8100  
[www.cardiffcastle.com](http://www.cardiffcastle.com)

**Easter Trail**  
Friday, March 25 – Sunday, April 3

**Easter Fun**  
Easter Sunday, March 27 & Easter Monday, March 28, 10am – 5pm

**Warrior School**  
Friday, April 1

**Meet the Knights**  
Saturday, April 2 – Sunday, April 3

**The Romans Return**  
Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 May 10am – 5pm

**Art and Craft Day**  
Tuesday 31 May

**A Dinosaur Encounter**  
Wednesday 1 June – timed slots

## Cardiff Story Museum

Tel: 02920 346214  
[www.cardiffstory.com](http://www.cardiffstory.com)

**5th Birthday Party**  
Saturday, April 2, 10am – 4pm  
*Everyone is invited to our fifth birthday party. There will be party games, craft activities, live music and a pretty spectacular birthday cake! Free entry*

**Dinky Dragons**  
Monthly baby and toddler event.  
*Rhyme Time, Story Time, Messy Play and more. Free entry*

**Easter Holiday Family Fun**  
*Spring themed family craft activities. £1 per child.*

## Libraries

Tel: 2038 2116  
[www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents)

There are lots of activities happening in libraries across Cardiff from children’s activities to live music. For details visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents) or contact your local branch.

## Norwegian Church Art Centre

Tel: 2087 7959  
[norwegianchurchcardiff.com](http://norwegianchurchcardiff.com)

**Boutique Gift Markets**  
March 25 – 28, April 30 – May 2, May 28 – 30, 10.30am – 5pm  
*Free entry*

**Octave in concert**  
May 13, 7.30pm  
*Price: £9*

**Norway’s Constitution Day**  
May 17, 10.30am  
*Price: Free*

**Broadway by the bay**  
May 19 – 21, 7.30pm  
*Price: £11*

**Yoga**  
Mondays 12.30pm - 1.15pm, £6  
Tuesdays 6pm – 7pm  
*For details contact: Sharon Davies 07504 475394 / [daviesyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:daviesyoga@yahoo.co.uk)*

## Flat Holm

Tel : 02920 877912  
[www.flatholmisland.com](http://www.flatholmisland.com)

Ideal for a family getaway, Flat Holm boasts a sense of wilderness, remoteness and tranquillity. With its wealth of history and wildlife, you’ll be amazed at how much there is to discover!

**Cardiff Sea Safaris**  
Sunday, April 3, 1.30pm

Sunday, April 17, 2.30pm

Sunday, May 1, 12pm

Sunday, May 15, 12.30pm  
Sunday, May 29, 10am  
*029 2048 7663 / [www.visitflatholm.co.uk](http://www.visitflatholm.co.uk)*

**MW Marine**  
Saturday, April 9, 12.15pm  
Thursday, April 21, 10am  
Saturday, April 23, 11.30am  
Saturday, May 7, 10.45am  
Monday, May 9, 12.30pm  
Saturday, May 21, 9.45am  
Monday, May 23, 11.15am  
*01934 636734 / [www.mwmarine.org](http://www.mwmarine.org)*

## Parks

Tel: 0292233 0235  
[www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks)

For a full list of events, visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks) click on ‘Things to do in our parks’ and download the ‘Guided walks and events programme’.

## Wales Millennium Centre

Tel: 029 2063 6464  
[www.wmc.org.uk](http://www.wmc.org.uk)

**Only The Brave**  
March 28 - April 2

**A Girl is a Half-formed Thing**  
March 29 – April 2

**Derren Brown: Miracle**  
April 4 - 9

**Mariinsky Ballet:**  
**Five Tangos | Infra | In the Night**  
April 14 - 15

**Mariinsky Ballet:**  
**Sacre (The Rite of Spring) | Concerto DSCB**  
April 16 - 17

**Mariinsky orchestra: Peter & The Wolf**  
April 17

**Russell Watson - Songs From The Heart**  
April 19

**Matthew Bourne’s Sleeping Beauty**  
April 26 - 30

**Welsh National Opera: In Parenthesis**  
May 13 - June 3

## City & Bay Events

Email: [events@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:events@cardiff.gov.uk)  
Tel: 2087 2087

**Race for Victory Cardiff 5K**  
Sunday May 1, 7pm, Whitchurch Village.  
*[www.raceforvictory.co.uk](http://www.raceforvictory.co.uk)*  
Infoline: 029 2031 2611

**RHS**  
April 15 - 17  
*Bute Park and the magnificent backdrop of Cardiff Castle will play host to this flower show extravaganza.*

**Cardiff Children’s Literature Festival**  
April 16-24  
*Various city centre locations. The Cardiff Children’s Literature Festival returns for a fourth chapter with a fantastic programme of authors illustrators, poets & television stars.*

For more information & tickets, visit [www.cardiff-events.com](http://www.cardiff-events.com)

**Cardiff International White Water**  
*Get set for adventure - Offering an exhilarating range of sports activities, including White Water Rafting, Indoor Surfing and Air Trail, Cardiff International White Water caters for all tastes and abilities. Book now for action-packed days of fun with family and friends, taster sessions, training courses and lots more!*

**Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre**  
*[www.cbwac.com](http://www.cbwac.com) / 029 2087 7977 / 029 2035 3912*

**Cardiff Astronomical Society**  
Meet Thursday evenings.  
*Contact: [Secretary@cardiff-astronomical-society.co.uk](mailto:Secretary@cardiff-astronomical-society.co.uk)*

**Cardiff Bonsai Club**  
Meet monthly on the third Tuesday, 7.30pm  
*The Scout Hall, Lake Road North, CF23 5QN. [www.cardiffbonsai.org.uk](http://www.cardiffbonsai.org.uk)*

**Cardiff CTC (Cycling club)**  
*If you would like to cycle in and around the area, Cardiff CTC welcomes you to join our half-day and full-day Saturday and Sunday rides. We ride at a steady-to-leisurely pace and always keep together as a group. We normally take in a café or pub stop for elevenses and/or lunch. For further details please see our website <http://cardiffctc.com/>*

**Cardiff & District Rhondda Society**  
Meet monthly on the third Wednesday during term time, 10.30am  
*Room 8, Ararat Church, Whitchurch. For details: 029 20883722*

**Cardiff Farmer’s Markets**  
Rhiwbina, Butcher’s Arms-Every Friday 10am-1pm. Roath, Mackintosh Sports Club-Every Saturday 9.30am-1pm. Riverside, Fitzhamon Embankment-Every Sunday 10am-2pm. St. Mary Street every Saturday 11am-5pm.  
*[www.riversidemarket.org.uk](http://www.riversidemarket.org.uk)*

**Cardiff Naturalists’ Society**  
*A series of talks and field trips covering all aspects of wildlife. For details: [www.cardiffnaturalists.org.uk](http://www.cardiffnaturalists.org.uk)*

**Cardiff Philatelic Society - Stamps, postcards or postal history group.**  
Meet alternate Tuesdays, 7.30pm  
*Llanishen Baptist Church, Fidas Road, Llanishen, CF14 5LZ. For more information contact secretary Graham Bean on 029 2065 7941 or [emailbean@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:emailbean@dsl.pipex.com)*

**Cardiff Rivers Group**  
*Meet every three weeks or so to tackle litter and waste removal of rubbish from Cardiff’s rivers, streams, ponds and other water courses. Check website for details of up and coming events: <http://cardiffriversgroup.co.uk>*

**Cardiff Royal Naval Association**  
Meet monthly on the first Monday at 7.30pm at the United Services Mess, Wharton Street. Meet every other Wednesday at 12.30pm in the City Arms pub. Former and serving members of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines welcome. For details e-mail: [ransfordtrogers@gmail.com](mailto:ransfordtrogers@gmail.com)

**Cardiff U3A**  
*Group for the retired/semi-retired For details: [www.cardiffu3a.org.uk/](http://www.cardiffu3a.org.uk/) 07926 533693.*

**Chapter Arts Centre**  
*For information: [www.chapter.org/](http://www.chapter.org/) 02920 304400 / [enquiry@chapter.org](mailto:enquiry@chapter.org)*

**Conway 50+ Group**  
Meet Wednesday mornings at 10.15am  
*Conway Methodist Hall, Romilly Crescent, Riverside. for an illustrated talk/speaker. Entry*

*£2 includes refreshments. offer a computer/ internet tuition session for total beginners from 9.45-10.30am. For details: 029 2034 1768 [iona.gordon@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:iona.gordon@cardiff.gov.uk)*

**Four Seasons**  
Meet Tuesdays at 12.30pm.  
*An over 60s social group for widows and widowers. Location changes weekly, for details contact 02920 483321.*

**Golden-Oldies Singing Group**  
*For details contact: Rachel Parry [rachel@goldiescymru.org.uk](mailto:rachel@goldiescymru.org.uk) / 07796714816 [www.goldiescymru.org.uk](http://www.goldiescymru.org.uk)*

**Monday Club**  
*If you are age 50 plus and would like to make new friends come along to the weekly club at Home Guard Club, Ely at 1.30pm. Complimentary refreshments are also available.*

**National Museum Cardiff**  
*For listings: [www.museumwales.ac.uk](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk) 0300 1112333.*

**Rhiwbina Bridge Club**  
*Memorial Hall, Lon-y-Dail, Rhiwbina. Meet Saturdays 6.50pm. For details: 02921 157435.*

**Rhiwbina Floral Society**  
Meet every first and third Tuesday of the month  
*Rhiwbina Memorial Hall, Lon Ucha, CF14 6HL. For details: [www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk](http://www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk)*

**Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama**  
*For information: [www.rwcmd.ac.uk/](http://www.rwcmd.ac.uk/) Box office: 029 2039 1391 / [boxoffice@rwcmd.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@rwcmd.ac.uk)*

**Sherman Theatre**  
*For listings: [www.shermancymru.co.uk](http://www.shermancymru.co.uk) / 029 2064 6900.*

**Social Bridge Club**  
Wednesdays at 7pm.  
*St Fagans Village Hall. [Brian@agrisgj.com](mailto:Brian@agrisgj.com) / 02920 565445 / 02920 670401*

**St Fagans National History Museum**  
*For listings: [www.museumwales.ac.uk](http://www.museumwales.ac.uk) / 0300 1112333.*

**Table tennis for all**  
Meet Fridays  
*The Cardiff Community Table Tennis Club, Upper Hall of Wales Sport, Sophia Gardens 7pm-9pm. £3/£2 juniors. Roy Gibson: 01446 412352.*

**Tai Chi - Beginners class**  
Wednesdays 7.30-9.30 pm  
*St Isan’s Church Hall, Heol Hir, Llanishen CF14 5AE. First class free. For details call Marcus 029 2031 2171/[www.taoist.org.uk](http://www.taoist.org.uk)*

**The Gate Arts and Community Centre**  
*For performance information visit [www.thegate.org.uk](http://www.thegate.org.uk) or call 029 2048 3344.*

**The Merchant Navy Association (Wales)**  
Saturday, May 21, at 11am  
*Seafarers Remembrance Service at the Merchant Seafarers Memorial, Cardiff Bay, All are welcome. For details please contact Byron Jones on 01443 815013 or [byron@blackranger.plus.com](mailto:byron@blackranger.plus.com).*

**The Royal Welsh Regimental Comrades Association City of Cardiff Branch**  
Meets third Friday of each month at 7.30pm  
*Former and serving members of the Royal Welsh, Welch Regiment, South Wales Borderers, Royal Welch Fusiliers, Royal Regiment of Wales and any affiliated territorial and regular battalions are welcome. Meet at the Officers’ Mess at Maindy Barracks on the. For details: 02920 618115 / 02920 549577.*



## YOUR WARD SURGERIES

## ADAMSDOWN



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**Surgeries:**

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**Nigel Howells**  
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**Surgeries:**

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## BUTETOWN



**Ali Ahmed**  
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**Surgeries:**

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month. 12.00noon – 1.00pm at County Hall, Atlantic Wharf (Please ask at reception). Saturday street surgeries – 12.15pm – 1.15pm. For more details, contact 07968 165138.

To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please phone or email Councillor Ahmed.

## CAERAU



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**Surgeries:**

7th May (PB). 21st May (ES), 4th Jun (PB), 18th Jun (ES), 2nd Jul (PB), 16th Jul (ES) 10am to 11.30am at Western Leisure Centre, Caerau Lane. Please contact 07973 179577 (PB) or 07757 082 410 (ES) for a visit.

To book an appointment or arrange a house call, please phone or email Councillor Bradbury or Councillor Simmons.

## CANTON



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**Richard Cook**  
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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday 10am - 11am. Canton Library, Library Street, Canton, CF5 1QD. No appointment necessary.

## CATHAYS



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**Surgeries:**

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**Surgeries:**

1st Saturday of the month. 11am – 12noon at Cathays Community Centre, Cathays Terrace. All other Saturdays 11am – 12noon at Cathays Library, Fair oak Road.

## CREIGIAU &amp; ST FAGANS



**Graham Thomas**  
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## CYNCOED



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**Surgeries:**

April 11th (Monday) – 10am at Rhydyphenau Library. May 10th (Tuesday) – 11am at the Terra Nova on the Lake. June 9th (Thursday) – 11am at the Terra Nova on the Lake. July 11th (Monday) – 10am at Rhydyphenau Library

## ELY



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**Surgeries:**

Second and fourth Saturday of every month, 10am, Ely Day Centre, Grand Avenue

## FAIRWATER



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**Neil McEvoy**  
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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday 11am – 12noon at St David's Lutheran Church, St Fagans Rd. Every Wednesday 12noon to 1pm at Pentreban Community Centre.

For more details contact Councillor Ford and Councillor McEvoy.



**Paul Mitchell**  
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**Surgeries:**

1st and 3rd Saturday, 11am - 1pm - street surgeries at various locations. 2nd and 4th Saturday 2pm – 3.30pm – fixed surgeries at St David's Lutheran Church, St Fagans Rd.

Contact Councillor Paul Mitchell to make appointments or arrange home visits.

## GABALFA



**Ed Bridges**  
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**Surgeries:**

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**Surgeries:**

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## GRANGETOWN



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**Surgeries:**

First Saturday of the month 10.30am to 12 noon at the Buzz, Penarth Road.

First Wednesday of the month from 6pm at Channel View Flats Community Room.

Every other Saturday, 10.30am to 11.30am, Grangetown Hub

## HEATH



**Fenella Bowden**  
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**Surgeries:**

1st Saturday of the month, 10am - 11am at Birchgrove School; and as advertised within the ward.



**Lyn Hudson**  
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**Surgeries:**

1st Wednesday of every month (except August) 5.30pm – 6.30pm, the Birchgrove Pub or please ring for an appointment.



**Graham Hinchey**  
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**Surgeries:**

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## LISVANE



**David Walker**  
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**Surgeries:**

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## LLANDAFF



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**Surgeries:**

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4th Saturday of every month, 12pm - 1pm at St Johns Hall, Danescourt.

## LLANDAFF NORTH



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**Surgeries:**

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month (except August) - 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month (except August) - 9.00am – 10.00am. Llandaff North Library, Gabalfa Avenue, Llandaff North

## LLANISHEN



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**Julia Magill**  
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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday 10am – 11am at Cardiff North Labour Office, 13 Llangranog Road, Llanishen. Second Friday of every month, 2pm – 3pm at Thornhill Centre, Excalibur Drive.



**Andrew Graham**  
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**Surgeries:**

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## LLANRUMNEY



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**Surgeries:**

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## PENTWYN



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**Surgeries:**

Alternate Fridays (School term times only) 11.30am – 12.30pm at the Powerhouse, Llanedeyrn or 11.30am – 12.30pm at Pentwyn Leisure Centre. No appointment necessary.

## PENTYRCH



**Gavin Hill-John**  
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**Surgeries:**

Please visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/councillors](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/councillors) for details of Councillor Hill-John's surgeries

## PENYLAN



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**Surgeries:**

29th April and 27th May, 6pm at Marlborough Primary School, Blenheim Rd entrance. 24th June and 15th July, 6pm at Marlborough Primary School, Blenheim Rd entrance.

## PLASNEWYDD



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**Surgeries:**

Every Saturday morning 10am – 11am (except August) - Penylan Library and Community Centre, Ninian Road.

## PONTRENNAU &amp; OLD ST MELLONS



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**Surgeries:**

1st Saturday of every month (except August) 9.30am-10.30am – Caer Salem Baptist Chapel, Tyr Winch Road. 1st Monday of every month (except for Bank Holidays and August) 6pm – 7pm – Pontprenau Church Centre, Heol Pontprenau



**Georgina Phillips**  
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**Surgeries:**

1st Saturday of every month, 9.30am - 10.30am at Pontprenau Church Centre, Heol Pontprenau. 1st Saturday of every month. 11am – 12noon in the hall at the rear of Caersalem Baptist Church, Mill Lane, Old St. Mellons.

## RADYR &amp; MORGANSTOWN



**Roderick McKerlich**  
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**Surgeries:**

At Radyr Library, between 10am and 12 noon on Saturdays, January 30, February 5, April 9. To book an appointment please contact Councillor McKerlich.

## RHIWBINA



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12 April, 5.30pm-6pm, All Saints Church

## RIVERSIDE



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Saturday mornings 10.30 – 11.30 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday - Riverside Community Centre, Brunel St, off Ninian Park Road. 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month in Canton Library, opposite Iceland, Cowbridge Rd East. No appointment necessary.

## RUMNEY



**Bob Derbyshire**  
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**Surgeries:**

Third Thursday of every month, 6.30pm-7.30pm at Rumney Partnership Hub, Llanstephan Road.



**Jacqueline Parry**  
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First Monday every month, 10.30 – 11.30am at Rumney Partnership Hub, Llanstephan Road. Councill